

THE WAGON WHEEL



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CMAC
**COUNTRY
MUSIC ASSOCIATION**

CANBERRA Incorporated

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PRESIDENT'S AUGUST REPORT

Greetings and thanks for braving this arctic weather and coming along to the meeting tonight

Firstly, thanks to David and Garry for the work getting our PA gear sorted, repaired, upgraded etc. We depend so much on and take it for granted that the sound equipment will be ready to go when we step onto the stage, so we're grateful to you.

As I said previously we've got quite a year ahead with some more performances lined up:

- **Guitar Strumming Module #2 workshop** – planned for **Sat 29 Aug** at the church building 2-4pm
- **“Singing it Country”** – This will be the inaugural performance of what is hoped to become a regular monthly? event at Smiths Alternative in the city; planned for **Sun 13 Sep 6-8pm**. This came from my discussion with Nigel, the owner, about his intention to have a country showcase at his establishment. I have started rounding up some musos for this event. It will be upstairs at Smith's with all the PA equipment supplied.
- **Hawker Repair Café/Men's Shed**. The next one is scheduled for **Sun 20 Sep** and we've been invited again but maybe at a different position as there will be a softball tournament at the same time and our shed will be in use. This will be the first outing of the new CMAC flute.....thanks David

Once again, any takers to go and entertain the folks at HOME in Q'beyan? It will be on a Thursday morning.

It looks like we need to find ourselves a Vice President if only to stand in for me when I slack off.

Chris van Reyk



SOCIAL DIRECTORS REPORT AUG 2026

Hi Members, and Friends, August walk up, would be one of the best we've had this year, 15 artists on the board, some traveling from, Young and Cootamundra, two newcomers, and a very appreciative audience, what more can you ask for.

As usual our committee did an amazing job setting things up on stage, the sound, spot on, thanks guys.

The front desk was organized by yours truly, I was jack of all trades this month, but I had help, our wonderful Dawne, she does so much to help in any way she can, (I might just nominate her for Australian Of the Year 2026), well I can imagine what she'd say to that, so I will say thanks from CMAC.

15 artists placed their names on the board and they were,

1/ Adam McKay, Adam's Granddad, his wish, before he passed on, was, to visit the Pub with no Beer, so Adam wrote a poem about it, well done Adam, he also did "Amazing Grace" did his best on the harmonica, he was supported by Chris, Mike and Keith.

2/ Leo Laverty, good to see Leo, he also chose to sing, "The Pub with No Beer" a classic of Slim Dusty, so the song was presented in two, very different ways, not often does that happen, "Jodie" and "Shackles and Chains" were the other two songs Leo chose to sing, when the weather gets warmer Leo, it's your turn to buy the ice cream, I have caramel dressing, big hugs.

3/ Mike Morrissey, ya, I spelt his name right, loved "Elvira" good song to line dance to, also "Mumma Don't let your Babies grow up to be Cowboys" according to the song it's a no no.

4/ Chris and Rob, they are normally called "The Creek" but with the rest of the artists away, this month they were "Trickle", their songs being "Wooden Heart" a classic of Elvis, "Have I told you lately That I love you" and an instrumental, "Walk don't Run" how good was that.

5/ Ian Paulin, Ian also does guitar workshops for CMAC, so if you want advice on your Technique at playing your guitar, Chris V R has all the details, a couple of songs he did was "Change Change Change", and an original about the Tassie River.



6/ Stephen, first time on CMAC's stage, he did his original's, one being called "Canola" also "These are Tears", we hope to see you back Stephen.

7/ Bev and Garry, supported by David, Dawne and Keith, the songs we chose were "Yellow Rose" Isla Grant, "Barroom Roses" Troy-Cassar-Daly, then another one of Isla's, "We'll meet again my Friends", and thanks everyone for singing along.

8/ Dean Jones, supported by Dad David, Bev, Garry and Keith, the first song he chose, "There she Goes" (this is one of his favorites) "God Loves Country Music" then a duet with his Dad "Heartaches by the Number", sounded great.

9/ Kerry Shaw, all the way from Young, she and Stella making a weekend of it, Stella loving the movie they saw, then an afternoon of country music, how good was that, Kerry sang "There's a Bridle Hanging on the Wall" what a classic that one is, "Captain" Kasey Chambers, then a duo with Dean, "Dream out Loud" a classic of Troy's, great to see you, Kerry.

10/ Greg, a couple of his were, "Hey Little Devil" then "Help me make it through the Night" well done Greg.

11/ Peter Wardrop, supported by Mike and Keith, he had us bopping along to "Be Bop a Lula" well done Pete.

12/ Luke, it was Luke's first time on the CMAC stage, supported by Garry, David and Keith, plus it was his birthday, so the big Happy Birthday was sung, and he was truly grateful for that, "World of Our Own" and "You don't Know What it's Like" was a couple he sang, hope you come back Luke.

13/ Little Riverina Band plus Georgia, all the way from Cootamundra, it's a big yes when they brace the stage, a very talented group of youngsters, "Jackson" & "Just the Two of Us" were two of the songs they sang, great to see all the family, come back soon.

14/ Rob, our rocker, "Hey Good Looking" and "It Don't Matter Anymore" a couple of beauties there Rob.

15/ Leila, she was invited to appear at our walk up today, firstly so we could all hear her sing, and what type of country she presents, because she's going to appear at the concert that's being held at the Irish Club in September, so keep an eye out for the details in this newsletter, she hails from Forde here in Canberra, and if you're wondering how she performed, she was good.



Well, that's the entertainment for the day, now Trivia,

Question> What was the opening song, sung for live aid concert in 1985.

Answer> "Rocking all over the world"

Winner> Our Rocker Rob.

Raffles Winners : 1st Ben Wincohen, 2nd Geoff, 3rd Ben's Mum Win, 4th Chris V R, congratulations to all the winners.

Our thoughts go out to Dorothy Jones, who has been hobbling around with a moon boot on, here's hoping all goes well for you DJ, when you finally get it off.

I have run out of news in regards to my report, so we'll see you September 6th at our walk up, which falls on Fathers Day, so till then, keep safe, well, and keep it country,

Bye for now Bev.

COMMITTEE CHANGE

As there were no volunteers available to take up the role of Secretary, to keep the Association alive, David decided to step down from his role as Vice-President at the last Committee meeting and was elected as Secretary.

Should any CMAC Member want to look into what the duties of the Secretary are, please email Secretary@cmac.asn.au and David will be more than willing to respond.



MAJOR SHOWCASE EVENT

- CMAC is staging the **Community Country Music Showcase** at the **Irish Club, Weston** on **Saturday night, 19 September**.



Community Country Music Showcase



SAT 19 SEPT - 7pm

Canberra Irish Club - 6 Parkinson St, Weston

Feat: **Moonshine & Maple** (Melbourne) plus special guests **Leila & Audrey Wilson**





Thanks to major sponsorship from the **Weston Creek Community Council**, CMAC has arranged an evening of entertainment that is not to be missed.

The headline act is Moonshine & Maple, a dynamic duo from Geelong, Victoria.

The will be supported by Local Canberra act Leila (pronounced Layla) and our very own Audrey Wilson.

Moonshine & Maple (Lisa Joy & Joseph Calderazzo) are known for their heartfelt, authentic country sound, bringing Country Heart with True Grit, from classic country favourites to today's country greats. They have supported Amber Lawrence and Hayley Jensen, Recently releasing their first single '500 Miles' to rave reviews (which is about how far they will travel to this show); this talented duo is not to be missed!

<https://youtu.be/LpMeT1cdGBc?si=XfP32dak0Uq3jB9z>

🌟 Special Guest: Leila

Emerging from Canberra, singer/songwriter Leila brings honest storytelling, undeniable vocals and fresh pop/country sounds. Having opened for artists including Ella Hooper, Emma Pask, Nathan Cavaleri and Bella Mackenzie, Leila is definitely one to watch!



🌟 Special Guest: Audrey will be welcoming patrons with songs that highlight her Country influences and Jazz background. Audrey is a member of the CMAC community.

Ticket prices include:

General Admission: \$15 (\$12 if booked online before the event)

CMAC members can book for \$10

Companion Cards will be acknowledged.

To encourage the younger ones, there is a special offer that anyone 17 or under who is accompanied by a paying adult, will be admitted free.

Tickets will be available at the CMAC Open Mic Walk-Up on Sunday 6 September, or online via TryBooking.

<https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1630746?embed>

or the QR code:



An evening of great country music, community and plenty of heart bring your friends and join us!



POSITIONS VACANT

- PUBLICITY OFFICER

Do you have flair for desktop publishing, advertising, promotions?

Then the position of CMAC Publicity Officer is perfect for you. We are seeking a volunteer to assist the committee with the promotion and advertising of events and activities through the production of the newsletter and website. You will occasionally be required to attend committee meetings.

Please register your interest and availability at

info@cmac.asn.au

- EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

If you are interested in fulfilling the position of Secretary (or any Committee position) please register your interest and availability at

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WALK-UP HELP REQUESTED

We need help for open mic walk-up set up and pack up. The smooth operation and viability of our monthly walk-ups is heavily reliant on volunteers to assist with the setting up and packing up. If you are able bodied and eager to make a contribution, please reach out to attending committee members on the day, who would very much appreciate your assistance!



LIVE EVENTS IN CANBERRA

- **Sun 13th September 6-8pm**
Singing it country!
Smith's alternative 76 Alinga St, Canberra
- **Wed 16 September**
Listen Up! ACT Final
Gang Gang Cafe, Downer
ACT songwriter final featuring **Ruby Holden** among others, supporting Mental Health Month
- **Wed 30 September 7-9pm**
Music for Mental Health
Smith's Alternative, 76 Alinga St, Canberra
Come and listen to some enjoyable performances by local artists at Smith's Alternative, \$10 entry will go to a local Mental Health related charity.
Contact Chris van Reyk.0450 799 456 cspanreyk@gmail.com
- **Sat 24th Oct 2026**
'Heart & Soul' launch **Leila**
Polo Club, Turner \$32.41 tickets incl booking fee through Humantix
- Canberra Irish Club Welcome to Friday Live Local Music: Each Friday 8 pm. Go along and see performing artists from the local Canberra region. Keep a keen eye on the Club's website for updated gig listings.
<https://www.irishclub.com.au/What-s-on/WTF-Live%20Music.aspx>
- The Burns Club Canberra Live Music: A variety of live music events (and the Club generously provides the CMAC committee with important meeting space). See website for details.
<https://www.burnsclub.com.au/whats-on/entertainment/>
- The Old Canberra Inn Live Music: Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Energetic live music from some amazing Canberra musicians. Acoustic sets on Saturdays.
<https://www.oldcanberrainn.com.au/events>



- Murrumbateman Acoustic Music Club open mic walk ups: Last Sunday of each month 5.00-8.00 pm. A fun night with an eclectic bunch of musicians and a warm and appreciative audience. All welcome.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057254276396>

- The George Harcourt Inn: Known for supporting local talent, this pub hosts live music on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, making it a great place to catch up- and coming artists.

REMEMBER TO KEEP IT COUNTRY

SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT WALK-UP ON 6th SEPTEMBER

